

14 Oct 70

Harold:

My copy of Dawnay letter was sent to Dienstfray today-- it's not very good, but prob. will be OK.

Enclosed is your 2 Sept 70 letter to Hoch, which I copied for myself. You know that I could not agree more. I do not know how he could be impervious to such criticism. I suspect he anticipated your response and, even before learning it, sought to harden himself for the blows which he knew would come. I doubt whether he anticipated the sort of stuff I sent, so perhaps my letters will shock him into some semblance of sense. We'll see. No reply from him yet.

My comments to Hoch were not intended to treat him memo comprehensively. I considered it sufficient merely to give him enough to put any sane man down soundly and for good. Once dead, really dead, there is no point in wasting my time and energy on a corpse.

If he ever comes round to acknowledging that his baby is dead, I think an autopsy on the corpse might be very revealing. I suspect we would find the disease Alvaritis is infectious, out to contaminate elsewhere.

I am rushed, so I won't linger.

If I get the chance, I'll check with Sprague re Flammonde.

I can hardly wait to hear from Hoch, sad as it is.

Still,

Dick

P.S. Surely Hoch will
think that you and I
are in cahoots — that I
am your lap-dog conspiring with
you to "get" him. Sad, sad, sad.